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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Chikako KARIYA

Serial No. 09/938,485

Group Art Unit: 2178

Confirmation No. 2872

Filed: August 27, 2001

Examiner: Cesar B. Paula

For: RELATED DOCUMENTS PROCESSING DEVICE, RECORDING MEDIUM FOR  
PROCESSING RELATED DOCUMENTS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING  
RELATED DOCUMENTS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and is in response to the Office Action mailed June 12, 2006, having a period for response set to expire on September 12, 2006. A petition for a one-month extension of time is concurrently filed herewith, thereby extending the response due date to October 12, 2006.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

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